

Rabbit

There will be no formal meeting for the rabbit project this month. Take this opportunity to learn something on your own.



Sheep

It isn't too early to start thinking about your lamb project. For those of you that would like to do a market project, take a look at the sheep project. It is one of the only large animal project in which you really only have your animal for about 100 days. It costs around \$60.00 to finish one lamb. We have several breeders in the valley that you can purchase your lamb from for around \$100.00. So this is a project that you can keep affordable if you choose. Also you need only three workshops. Our workshops will start up in February. Hopefully we will have two that month, one to welcome everyone to the new year and get contracts handed out and the second will be at Dr Bruce's. He will be going over the health of a lamb, and showing the parts. Have a merry Christmas and we are looking forward to another great year,



Shooting Sports

The shooting sports workshops will be held Sunday evenings at Yellowstone Gateway Sports. There are three sessions to choose from: 5:00-6:00, 6:00-7:00, or 7:00-8:00; except December 24th. We are still deciding about December 31st. Air rifle, air pistol, and archery will be offered at these sessions. Yellowstone Gateway Sports closes at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. After 5:00 pm, enter the building from the southeast corner. The BB gun program will be dropped from 4-H at this time and will be sponsored by the Jaycees. It will start in January. The requirement that 1st year shooters in the air rifle program participate in the BB gun program has been suspended. The air rifle, air pistol, or archery postal match will begin December 3rd. If you have not signed up and wish to participate, please call Bill Ott at 209-2599 as soon as possible. 3D archery will begin January.



The Gallatin County 4-H Smallbore Project will begin on Monday December 11, 2006. There will be a quick informational meeting at 5:00 P.M. and shooting will begin shortly afterward. The shooting will take place at Greenway Range from 5:00 – 6:30 on Monday nights. The dates for the project are 12/11/06, 12/18/06, 1/08/07, 1/15/07, 1/22/07, 1/29/07, 2/5/07, 2/12/07, 2/19/07, and 2/26/07. To be eligible, the person must be enrolled in 4-H, be 10 years old, and have been enrolled in air rifle or bb gun. If there are questions, please contact Scott Francis, 284-6843 or Tom Everett, 388-9076.

The smallbore project has been fortunate again to have received a grant from the NRA Foundation. This money will allow us to again have this program. A big thank you goes out to the NRA and their continued support.

Wildlife

I am excited to inform you that the 4-H Wildlife Project will be offered this year under the guidance of Dr. Mike Cavey, retired State 4-H specialist, who is volunteering as a leader in Gallatin County. Mike was instrumental in the establishment of the wildlife project in Montana and has a wealth of background and experience in the outdoors. An orientation session has been set up for Monday, December 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office (4-H Office) in Belgrade. All interested youth are welcome attend including those of you who have not enrolled in Wildlife. Please RSVP by calling the 4-H office at 388-3213 by December 2nd and let us know you're coming. Your phone call will help us greatly in preparation for the meeting.



Woodworking

The first workshop for woodworking is scheduled for the second Saturday in January (January 13th). The workshop will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 at Rocky Mountain Furniture Shop. They are located across from Murdoch's, behind the strip mall. This workshop will cover orientation of the project, safety, deciding on a what to make, and cutting wood. Bring a pencil and tape measure. Workshops will be held on the First Saturday of the month, after the January meeting.

